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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a new patent application entitled  
"APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF POLISHING WORKPIECE". This  
application is submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b),  
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Title: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF POLISHING WORKPIECE

of which is described and claimed in:

( ) the attached specification, or

(X) the specification in the application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed February 27, 1997 ;  
and with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable), or( ) the specification in International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and as amended  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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JAPAN	65315/1996	February 27, 1996	Yes

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